

Lightweights to Furnish Great Bouts For New York Fight Fans

Packey McFarland Decides to Remain in the Game to Meet Tommy Murphy, While Ritchie Will Take on Leach

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NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—New Yorkers are to be treated to a light-weight fight festival at the Garden. Matchmaker Billy Gibson has already signed Packey McFarland to box Tommy Murphy and Willie Ritchie has agreed to take on Leach Cross, New York's foremost candidate for the title, for ten rounds the latter part of next month. The McFarland-Murphy will be decided on October 17, while Ritchie and Cross are to come together two weeks later.

In addition to those mentioned Gibson is also dicker for matches in which Freddy Welsh, Young Shugrue, Jack Britton, Joe Rivers and other stars of the 125 pound division will figure. Altogether the coming season promises to be one of the liveliest New Yorkers have experienced since the days of the

Horton law when the stars of every division of pugilism made New York their headquarters.

Leach Cross may be considered a lucky youth—or maybe unlucky, depending on which view one takes of it. In that he is to be given the first bout with Ritchie in this city. Time was not so very long ago that Cross refused to grant a match, giving as the excuse that Willie would not be a drawing card. Those who know Leach intimately say that was not the real reason for his disinclination to box the Californian.

Ritchie had already figured in two bouts of importance—both by the way with champions. A four round go with Wolgast, champion of America, and a 20 round affair with Fred Welsh, the

English title holder. In fact, it might be said he was enjoying considerable prestige at the time and Cross's excuse that he would prove a poor drawing card after his great battles with Wolgast and Welsh was rather a lame one. Ritchie had come to Gotham in search of bouts, but found no one willing to give him a trial. When it was proposed to match him with Cross, then as now one of the leading lightweights in this vicinity, he jumped at the chance. But Cross couldn't see it at all and turned Willie down cold.

Ritchie could do the same thing with Cross now if he wished to do so and be subjected to criticism. But from all I hear of the champion he is not that sort of a fellow. Recently he announced that he would take on all comers and leave the selection of his opponents to the matchmakers. And in signing for Cross it looks as if he meant what he said for Leach is recognized the country over as one of the most dangerous men in the light-weight division today.

But to get back to Cross and his luck. It is a well known fact that Leach is a splendid drawing card in this city, and as money is what the promoters are after the preference was given him by matchmaker Gibson when Ritchie's consent to box at the Garden had been secured. Leach, to Gibson's surprise, demanded a raise on bid offered and for a time it looked as if some other opponent would be chosen for the champion. But when Leach learned that other candidates were being considered he quickly changed his mind and reopened negotiations. Result, he got the match and will draw 20 percent of the gross receipts. According to expert calculation this should be worth somewhere in the neighborhood of \$8000, the promoters figuring on a \$40,000 house. And by the way, if his share aggregates anything near that figure it will be the most money by several thousands that Cross has ever received for any contest in which he has figured.

Pretty good money, eh? Many a man would take a worse beating for less currency. The amount to be paid by Ritchie has not been made public by the promoters, but taking a line from his methods of doing business out west it can be said without fear of construction that Willie's "bit" will be a big one.

Packey McFarland has exercised that prerogative of women and boxers and decided to remain in the game a while longer. However, in signing to box "Harlem Tommy" Murphy 10 rounds Packey has made it as easy for himself as possible as the weight has been fixed at 137 pounds at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Mac will probably come into the ring cloaked in the 140 pound mark which was his weight in the bout with Jack Britton last spring.

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Lynch Has Man's Size Fight For Job; Sour Rulings Anger League Magnates



Four Clubs Oppose and Four Favor Present Head of National League.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Mutterings of discontent in certain quarters of the National league indicate some violent battles at the next annual meeting of the parent major body in this city next December. A well established hunch prevails in the inner circles of the national pastime that a strenuous war will be waged against the reelection of president Tom Lynch by certain magnates that he has antagonized.

According to the best informed authorities Lynch might not be unseated were the yearly conference to be held at this time. It is alleged that the present incumbent has the support of four club owners to match the four that clamor for his scalp. According to the National league constitution an executive, in case of deadlock, must continue in office.

Four Clubs Unfavorable. The four clubs unfavorable to Lynch are said to be New York, Boston, Chicago and Brooklyn. The Giants have never forgiven Tom for three decisions he pulled on them. It began when a game was lost to the Phillies through the failure of Klem to allow a base hit by "Moose" McCormick because the umpire had his back turned at the time as he said announcing the change in the batting order. Puel was added to the flame when McGraw was punished as severely as pitcher Brennan, after the Quaker had assaulted the Giant manager at Philadelphia. The straw that broke the camel's back, however, was Lynch's unusual ruling in the celebrated "forfeited" game in Philadelphia on August 30.

President James Gaffney, of the Boston Nationals, has shown his hand openly. In a telegram some few weeks ago he censured the National league president openly and accused him of laxity in his duties. Ebbets has failed to gain any satisfaction in any of a dozen protests and contentions. As Charles H. Hays, of the Cubs, had nothing so far but everyone knows that he is prepared to call the president to task when the big conference arrives. Charles W. Murphy, of the Cubs, had tried to raise a mutiny against Lynch the past two seasons. He may be counted upon to join forces with the disgruntled three.

According to the present frameup, four clubs oppose Lynch. August Herrmann, of Cincinnati; Barney Dreyfuss, of Pittsburgh; and acting president Baker, of the Phillies, are said to be strong for the "king of umpires." Britton, of St. Louis, is supposed to be on the fence. If he can be won over by the reform element, there is little doubt that Lynch's days will be numbered. Herrmann stood by Lynch last year, though it is said that he came around to this support as a result of the Horace Fogel scandal. He wished to exonerate the fair name of baseball.

Herrmann has no grievances against Lynch of which anyone knows. He has not declared himself on the coming issue. But he is a lifelong friend of Barney Dreyfuss and a National commission confederate of Tom Lynch. He is likely to pursue the policy of "leaving good enough alone," as Dreyfuss thinks—and he thinks well of Lynch—so will the votes of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. It is a well known fact that Barney is the big power behind the new organization at the Quaker City.

St. Louis Holds Balance of Power. St. Louis at the present time holds the balance of power. So long as Britton strings with Dreyfuss, as he does Lynch appear secure. Every effort will be made by the anti-Lynch faction to win over the balance of the league. In such a case it would not be surprising to see Herrmann surrender. He is a broad minded, magnate who believes first in the rule of the majority. Last year he saved Lynch because he thought a great principle was involved. He had a cudgel over

Is pretty generally understood in baseball circles that president Tom Lynch, of the National league, is in for a rough fight to hold down his job. Last winter Lynch escaped by the skin of his teeth, and during the present season he has made a number of sour rulings which have put him in worse than ever with some of the magnates.

Murphy's head that forces the reform element around to his particular way of thinking.

Three Are Boosted. There is just one far fetched possibility of the anti-Lynch faction losing out should it be able to interest the St. Louis vote. That would be inability to agree on a candidate satisfactory to all. Three well known men of baseball are being boosted for Tom Lynch's job. One is Joe O'Brien, former secretary of the Giants and president of the American association. Another is Mr. Brown, newspaper man of Louisville, KY, who was advocated by Garry Herrmann before the Fogel scandal developed last year. Last, and perhaps most formidable is Ed. Barrow, president of the International league.

Barrow has not sought the office. He has an unexpired term of several years as president of the International. But it is believed he might be coaxed into accepting the more exalted position. He has done wonders in his present sphere, is popular and has a chance of coaxing him into the fight he is likely to become the most popular candidate.

COLLINS ATTACKS MEDICAL BOARD LAW

El Paso Osteopath Questions the Constitutionality of the Osteopathic Medical Board of Texas.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 27.—The validity of the one board medical act is involved in a petition for a writ of mandamus now pending against it in one of the district courts at San Antonio, according to Dr. W. B. Collins, of Lovelady, a member of the board and its former president. The petitioner for the writ is Ira W. Collins, an osteopath of El Paso, and the case is set for hearing on October 6.

Dr. Ira Collins wanted to confer with the governor regarding the answer to be filed by the state board of examiners, who are made respondents in the case. Dr. Collins is seeking a writ of mandamus to compel the board to issue him a certificate, the board having on two previous occasions refused, on the ground that the applicant is an osteopath.

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Holy Cross Holds Yale To 10 Points

Harvard Wins From Maine, 34 To 0

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 27.—Doggedly checking Yale's surging attack, Holy Cross today held Ell to a 10 to 0 score. During the second period, Holy Cross attacked the home team's 50 yard line, and before Yale could work the ball out of danger McCabe and his teammates had scored by a drop kicking. Both tries were 40 yards from the goal line and fell far short. In no other instance was Holy Cross dangerous.

Guernsey dropped a neat field goal over the cross bar for Yale in the first period. The play was poor and he muffed the ball, but picking it up, deftly sent it through the goal.

Yale's solitary touchdown was not registered until the last five minutes of the final period when the ball was captured at the Holy Cross 20 yard line on a shoot by McCabe. Knowles and Winsworth alternated in dogged attacks at the visitors' line and when the ten yard mark had been reached, Yale uncovered her first forward pass of the game. Holy Cross held Yale's line. An advance by Knowles and Winsworth over the oval to the Holy Cross three yard line, where Wilson dove through center for the score and captain Ketcham kicked the point.

The lineup were as follows: Yale—Avery and Roberts, left end; Talbot, left tackle; Martineau, right guard; Warren and Lockridge, right tackle; Carter, right end; Wilson, quarterback; Winsworth, left half back; Knowles, right half back; Guernsey, full back.

Holy Cross—McCabe and Talbot, left end; Ostergren, left tackle; Hagerty, left guard; Brawley, center; Hunt and Coogan, right guard; Melvin, right tackle; O'Brien, left half back; Carey, right half back; Donovan and Rogers, full back.

Score—Yale, 10; Holy Cross, 0. Touchdowns, Wilson; Goal from touchdown, Ketcham; Drop kick, Guernsey. Referee, Laigford, of Trinity; Umpire, Williams, of Pennsylvania. Head linesman, Murphy.

HARVARD TEAM IN MIDSEASON FORM
Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 27.—In a day more adapted to baseball than football, Harvard defeated the university of Maine today, 34 to 0. Harvard went

into the game minus Hardwick and Willets, who are ineligible to play, owing to difficulty with their college work.

Maine could do nothing with Harvard's line, but kept at it, losing the ball on the 10 yard line, and being unable to make the necessary distance.

Harvard showed mid-season form. Brickett's work, of his usual form featured.

Storer played hard and fast and O'Brien's work of running down punts was worthy of a prize.

Both teams played the old game, not disclosing any of the new open plays excepting an occasional forward pass, which did not materialize for either side.

Following were the lineups: Harvard—O'Brien and Curtis, left end; Storer and Elken, left tackle; Gowen and Underwood, left guard; Soucy and Middendorf, center; Weston, right guard; Hitchcock, right tackle; Collidge and Gardner, right end; Freedley, quarterback; McClintock, left half back; Brickett and Bradley, right half back; Bettie, Moore and Wallace, full back.

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At Princeton—Princeton, 24; Rutgers, 4.

At Carlisle—Carlisle, 25; West Va., 0. At Schenectady—St. Lawrence, 0; Union, 20.

At Amherst—Amherst, 10; R. I. State, 0.

At Providence—Colby, 10; Brown, 6. At Syracuse—Syracuse, 41; Hobart, 0. At Dartmouth—Dartmouth, 13; Amherst, 3.

At Delaware—Delaware, 7; Otterbein, 15.

At Ithaca—Cornell, 0; Colgate, 0. At Pittsburg—University of Pittsburg, 6; Ohio Northern, 5.

At Bethlehem—Lehigh, 64; Albright, 0. At Lancaster—Franklin and Marshall, 59; United States, Connecticut, 0.

At Exeter—Exeter, 13; Cushing, 7. At Minneapolis—Minneapolis, 14; South Dakota, 0.

At Philadelphia—Pennsylvania, 53; Gettysburg, 0.

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